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Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated September 6, 2006, please consider the following amendments/remarks. Along with the above amendments/remarks, Applicants are filing a petition to extend time by one month to respond to the above Office Action. With the extension of time petition, the response is now due January 6, 2007.

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